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SUBJECT: MEETING OF U.S.-MEXICO COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS

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1. WE AGREE WITH SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THAT EXECUTIVE
BRANCH PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ATTEND JUNE 17 AND 18 MEETING
OF NARCOTICS SUBGROUP. MATHEA FALCO, SENIOR ADVISER TO
THE SECRETARY FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS AND RICHARD ARELLANO,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ARA, WILL DEFINITELY ATTEND.

2. WE HAVE ALSO INVITED PETER BENSINGER, ADMINISTRATOR,
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION; MRS. DORIS MEISSNER,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;
AND ROBERT DUPONT, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG
ABUSE. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW OF THEIR DECISIONS TO ATTEND
OR NOT.

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3. AS YOU KNOW, SENATOR RIEGLE CANNOT ATTEND. HE HAS
APPOINTED STAFF ASSISTANT, BOB HUMPHREYS, TO REPRESENT HIM.

4. WE STILL HOPE THAT THE MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE AS
PROPOSED ON JUNE 17-18. THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PARTICI-
PANTS ARE AWAITING THE DECISION OF THE GOM. A LATER

MEETING IN THE SUMMER OR FALL WOULD BE POSSIBLE, BUT
DIFFICULT OWING TO INCREASING CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES FOR
THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES. IF THE JUNE MEETING DOES PROVE
POSSIBLE, WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME GOM THOUGHTS ON AGENDA
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WITH U.S. TEAM. CHRISTOPHER

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